United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme

Annual subcommittee meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to the United Nations Environment Programme

Ninth meeting
Nairobi, 24 – 28 October 2022
10:00 – 13:00 and 15:00 – 18:00
Hybrid meeting
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Annotated provisional agenda

1. Opening of the meeting.
The Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to the United Nations Environment Programme will open the meeting on 24 October 2022 at 10:00.

2. Adoption of the agenda.
The Committee will be invited to consider for adoption the provisional agenda for the meeting, as set out in document UNEP/ASC.9/1.

The Committee will be invited to review UNEP’s strategic and operational engagement in the UN Reform process, including through UN Resident Coordinators and UN Country Teams, based on a presentation from the Secretariat. The presentation will be followed by an exchange of views with Member States and Stakeholders with a view to capture the emerging guidance and recommendations in a Chair’s Summary.

The Committee will be invited to review the implementation of the 2022-2023 Programme of work and budget of the United Nations Environment Programme, based on presentations from the UNEP regional/subregional offices relating to their experiences of cooperation and support to Member States. The presentation will be followed by an exchange of views with Member States and Stakeholders with a view to capture the emerging guidance and recommendations in a Chair’s Summary.

5. Implementation of the outcomes of the United Nations Environment Assembly in the context of the programme of work.
The Committee will be invited to consider the implementation of the outcomes of the fifth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly in the context of the programme of work, based on a presentation from the Secretariat on lessons learned and updates to the UNEA Resolution Monitoring and Reporting Portal.
6. **Organizational effectiveness of the United Nations Environment Programme**

(a) **Overall organizational approach to the delivery of the medium-term strategy 2022-2025 and programme of work.**

The Committee will be invited to consider the organizational approach guiding UNEP towards an efficient and effective delivery of the Medium-term strategy 2022-2025 and the Programme of work for 2022-2023, based on a presentation from the Secretariat, followed by an exchange of views with Member States and Stakeholders.

(b) **Operational efficiency and effectiveness.**

The Committee will be invited to consider UNEP’s operational efficiency and effectiveness, based on presentations from the Secretariat providing updates on UNEP human resources, the status of audits, the Conduct and Discipline policy and approach, and the Environmental Management Strategy, followed by an exchange of views with Member States and Stakeholders.

(c) **Presentation from the Evaluation Office of the United Nations Environment Programme.**

The Committee will be presented with the Biennial Evaluation Synthesis Report 2020-2021 and the Evaluation of the Gender Policy and Strategy by the Evaluation Office, followed by a response from the UNEP Secretariat and an exchange of views with Member States.

7. **Financial outlook and funding challenges for the United Nations Environment Programme.**

The Committee will be invited to consider UNEP’s financial outlook and funding needs, taking into account inter alia the conclusion from the 2020 Multilateral Organization Performance Assessment Network assessment (MOPAN) that UNEP continues to be highly dependent on inflexible, earmarked funding, its recommendations that unrestricted financial resources be increased for the organization to meet the growing demands and deliver the expected results.

The Secretariat will outline the risks associated with UNEP’s current funding structure, and propose solutions for achieving a more secure, stable, adequate and increased funding from a wider base of financing partners, including through increased core funding to the Environment Fund. The Secretariat will also introduce three new Thematic Funds, which provide an opportunity for attracting more flexible funding from otherwise earmarked sources, based on experiences made by other UN organizations.

The presentation will be followed by an exchange of views with Member States and Stakeholders with a view to capture the emerging guidance and recommendations in a Chair’s Summary.

8. **Status of the implementation of the outcome of the consensual process for review by the Committee of Permanent Representatives.**

(a) **Overall status of implementation of the outcome:**

The Committee will be invited to consider the status of the implementation of the outcome of the consensual process for review by the CPR, based on a presentation by the Secretariat.

(b) **Consideration of the performance reporting of the United Nations Environment Programme (paragraph 14 (c)).**

The Committee will be invited to consider options to rationalize and streamline mandated reporting requirements in light of paragraph 14 (c) of the outcome of the process for review by the CPR, based on a presentation from the Secretariat.

9. **Consultation on the theme for the sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly.**

The President of the United Nations Environment Assembly will provide a briefing on options for a theme for the sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-6), followed by an exchange of views with Member States and Stakeholders.

10. **Consideration of a draft Chair’s summary.**

The meeting will consider a draft Chair’s Summary of the meeting, to be distributed as an in-session document in advance of the closing session, which will aim to capture and summarize the key recommendations and general guidance emerging from the discussions, with a view to be
provisionally agreed at the meeting and then formally adopted at the upcoming 160th meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives.

11. Other matters.
The meeting will consider any other matters related to its work.

12. Closing of the meeting.
The meeting is expected to close on 28 October 2022 at 18:00 at the latest.